

BUILD A COMPOST PILE

Turn kitchen scraps and yard waste into black gold for your garden!

WHAT YOU'LL NEED

- Brown materials (dry)
- Green materials (fresh)
- Water
- A compost bin or a pile space
- A pitchfork or shovel
- Patience!



GREENS

(NITROGEN-RICH)

Fresh & moist materials

- Fruit & vegetable scraps
- Coffee grounds & filters
- Tea leaves
- Grass clippings
- Fresh leaves
- Garden plant trimmings
- Weeds (before seed)
- Crushed eggshells



BROWNS

(CARBON-RICH)

Dry & coarse materials

- Dry leaves
- Straw or hay
- Shredded newspaper
- Cardboard (torn up)
- Small twigs & branches
- Wood chips
- Sawdust (untreated)
- Paper bags



THE SECRET: BALANCE!

Aim for 2–3 parts brown to 1 part green.
Moist like a wrung-out sponge. Air is key!

STEP-BY-STEP: BUILD YOUR PILE

1 CHOOSE A SPOT

Pick a shady, well-drained spot near a water source. Direct contact with soil helps beneficial organisms.



2 ADD BROWNS

Start with a layer of coarse brown materials about 4–6 inches deep for air flow.



3 ADD GREENS

Add a layer of green materials about 2–3 inches thick.



4 REPEAT LAYERS

Alternate layers of brown and green, adding water as you go. Keep building!



5 KEEP IT MOIST

Water if needed. Pile should feel like a wrung-out sponge.



6 TURN & MAINTAIN

Turn the pile every 1–2 weeks to add oxygen and speed up decomposition.



SIGNS OF SUCCESS

- Pile heats up (130–160°F)
- Materials break down
- Earthy smell
- Dark, crumbly compost in 2–6 months!

Use it & watch your garden thrive!



WHAT CAN YOU COMPOST?

Almost all organic matter! No meat, dairy, oils, or pet waste.



Fruit & Veg Scraps



Coffee Grounds & Filters



Eggshells



Grass & Leaves



Garden Trimmings



Shredded Paper & Cardboard



Twigs & Small Branches

COMPOST TODAY,
BETTER TOMORROW!